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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET PROCEDURES FOR UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC  
MAIL

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1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION TEXT SOVIET CIRCULAR  
NOTE NUMBER 9/  
04 AND ATTACHMENT DATED JANUARY 9, 1975 AND  
SENT TO ALL EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW;

2. BEGIN TEXT COVERING NOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE USSR PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSIES AND HAS  
THE HONOUR TO INFORM THAT EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 15, 1975, THE  
EMBASSIES CAN IMPLEMENT RECEPTION AND SENDING OF DIPLOMATIC  
BAGGAGE, NOT ACCCOMPANIED BY COURIERS, DIRECTLY AT  
SHEREMET'EVO AIRPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENCLOSED  
PROCEDURAL NOTE.

3. THE MINISTRY AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO  
ALL EMBASSIES THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.  
END TEXT COVER NOTE.

4. BEGIN TEXT ATTACHMENT: PROCEDURE FOR SENDING AND RECEIVING  
OF UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC MAIL AT SHEREMET'EVO AIRPORT.  
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5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DATED APRIL 18, 1961 (ART 27 P. 4) AND THE CLAUSE OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIONS IN THE USSR DATED MAY 23, 1966 (ART 9) "EVERYTHING THAT INCLUDES DIPLOMATIC MAIL SHOULD HAVE UNDERSTANDABLE SURFACE INSCRIPTIONS, INDICATING ITS CHARACTER AND IT MAY CONTAIN ONLY DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS AND SUBJECTS, INTENDED FOR OFFICIAL USE."

6. DIPLOMATIC MAIL SHOULD BE PACKED IN VALISE-BAGS OR BAGS, MADE OF SOLID LEATHER OR TEXTILE MATERIAL WITH SEALING-WAX STAMP OR LEAD SEAL OF THE SENDER AND THERE SHOULD BE THE INSCRIPTION "EXPEDITION OFFICIELLE" AND THE CORRECT ADDRESS OF THE SENDER AND RECIPIENT.

7. A VALISE MAY BE SUPPLIED WITH A PADLOCK OR INTERNAL LOCK AND THE WEIGHT OF EACH VALISE SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 10 KG.

8. THE SENDER BRINGS UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC MAIL, DIRECTED ABROAD AND REGISTERED IN A PROPER MANNER, TO SHEREMET'EVO AIRPORT NOT LATER THAN 3 AND NOT EARLIER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE OF THE PLANE ON WHICH THE MAIL IS TO BE CARRIED.

9. FOR SENDING DIPLOMATIC MAIL ABOVE 10 KG, THE SENDER SUBMITS A REQUEST TO THE CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL AIRFLOT AGENCY (FRUNZENSKAJA NABEREZHNAJA, 4, TEL 246-49-92).

10. UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC MAIL ADDRESSED TO A DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IS DELIVERED TO THE RECIPIENT VIA THE WAREHOUSE OF SHEREMET'EVO AIRPORT.

11. AIRPORT SERVICES FOR RECEIVING AND DELIVERY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DIPLOMATIC MAIL ARE AVAILABLE DAILY ( EXCEPT HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OFF) FROM 9:00 AM TO 6:00PM AFTER THE SENDER (OR RECIPIENT) OF DIPLOMATIC MAIL PERFORMS NECESSARY CUSTOMS DUTIES.

12. IF ANY QUESTIONS APPEAR CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE OF REGISTRATION FOR SENDING OR RECEIVING UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC MAIL AT SHEREMET'EVO AIRPORT, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES MAY CONTACT CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVES OR THE AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION."

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